generate a first signal when the station is physically configured for one operational mode of the station and releases the switch to generate a second signal when the physical configuration of the station is changed for operation in a second operational mode. Reed and other proximity switches may be used to generate a signal that has one state to indicate a first operational mode for the station and a second state to indicate the second operational mode. The signal may be provided to a processor that controls operation of the station and the processor uses the signal to configure software for the station. Thus, the signal reduces the likelihood of an erroneous software configuration following station conversion caused by operator neglect to identify the new configuration and the signal from the indicator may be used to confirm the software configuration of the terminal following power application.